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Organization appoints Leon to serve on national board

By JEFF BILLINGTON
Editor-in-Chief

The American Council on Education (ACE) has added Dr. Julio Leon, College president, to its Board of Directors.

ACE is considered the leading higher education association in the nation.

Leon explains that ACE is an organization which oversees different organizations that are divided depending on whether they are a community college, a private college or university, a state college or university, or a larger university such as the University of Missouri-Columbia.

"These are the different sectors of higher education," he said. "All of these organizations belong to the American Council on Education, which is a kind of an umbrella organization representing all of higher education."

Each of these lower organizations selects one person within their groups to serve as an ACE board member.

Currently the ACE membership is made up of about 1,800 accredited, degree-granting public and private colleges and universities and other various



DR. JULIO LEON

education-related organizations.

"Every college, whether it is a community college, private college, or state university, has the option of being a member of ACE, and we [Missouri Southern] are also a member of it," Leon said.

Southern belongs to the sub-organization under ACE called the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU).

Leon said there is a reason why he was appointed to this board.

"The American Association of State Colleges decided to appoint me because I am going to be chair of the board of AASCU starting in November," he said.

ACE has been in operation since 1918 and is based in Washington, D.C.

Leon said one of the primary focuses of ACE is to watch funding.

"The board of ACE is always looking at the development of funding at the government level in regards to higher education," he said. "Especially funding concerning financial aid, one of the most important ones. Also as far as funding is concerned, we watch funding for different types of research."

ACE works to advance the interest and goals of both higher and adult education in the capacity of providing leadership and advocacy. It also represents the views of higher education to policy makers, and offers certain services to the institutions which are members. □

Institute encourages faculty to internationalize courses

By JEFF WELLS
Executive Editor

Deadlines are drawing near for faculty wishing to submit proposals to a funding initiative on internationalizing the curriculum.

Proposals for round one of the 1999 edition of the competitive grant program are due by 4 p.m., Oct. 25, in Webster Hall, Room 138, the office of the secretary of the Institute of International Studies. The second round deadline is April 24, 2000. All funds must be spent in the fiscal year 2000.

Dr. Erik J. Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs, said internationalizing the curriculum is one of three grant programs designed to internationalize the College. The other two programs are student and faculty travel grants.

The program is not new this year.

"This is a continuation of what we have done in the past," Bitterbaum said.

Day offers career chances

By CASSIE HOMBS
Staff Writer

For many students, the time has come to start settling into routines, become comfortable in their schedules, and live the laid-back college life.

But don't get too comfortable yet.

The Career Services Department offers Career Development Day from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Billingsly Student Center.

Career Development Day, a day set

aside for students to meet with local businesses and companies, helps students make the contacts they need to find employment after graduation. Jennifer Yazell, director of career services, expects almost 100 local and national employers to attend.

Yazell invites students of all majors and levels in college to visit booths on the third floor of Billingsly.

"Students should attend so they can

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Wednesday marks year since murder

By JEFF WELLS
Executive Editor

This week marks the first anniversary of one of the most painful chapters of Missouri Southern's history. Junior sociology major Jason Oscar Johnson, 28, died Oct. 5, 1998 from stab wounds he received Oct. 2, 1998.

Joplin resident Gary W. Black, 35, was arrested the week of Johnson's death in a trailer park northeast of Grove, Okla.

Black allegedly stabbed Johnson in the throat following an altercation at Fifth and Joplin Streets. The confrontation developed at Fourth Street and St. Louis. Black allegedly followed Johnson downtown in a vehicle.

Black was extradited from Oklahoma last winter.

The Jasper County prosecuting attorney's office said Black's trial will begin Oct. 25 in Division III in front of Judge Jon Dermott.

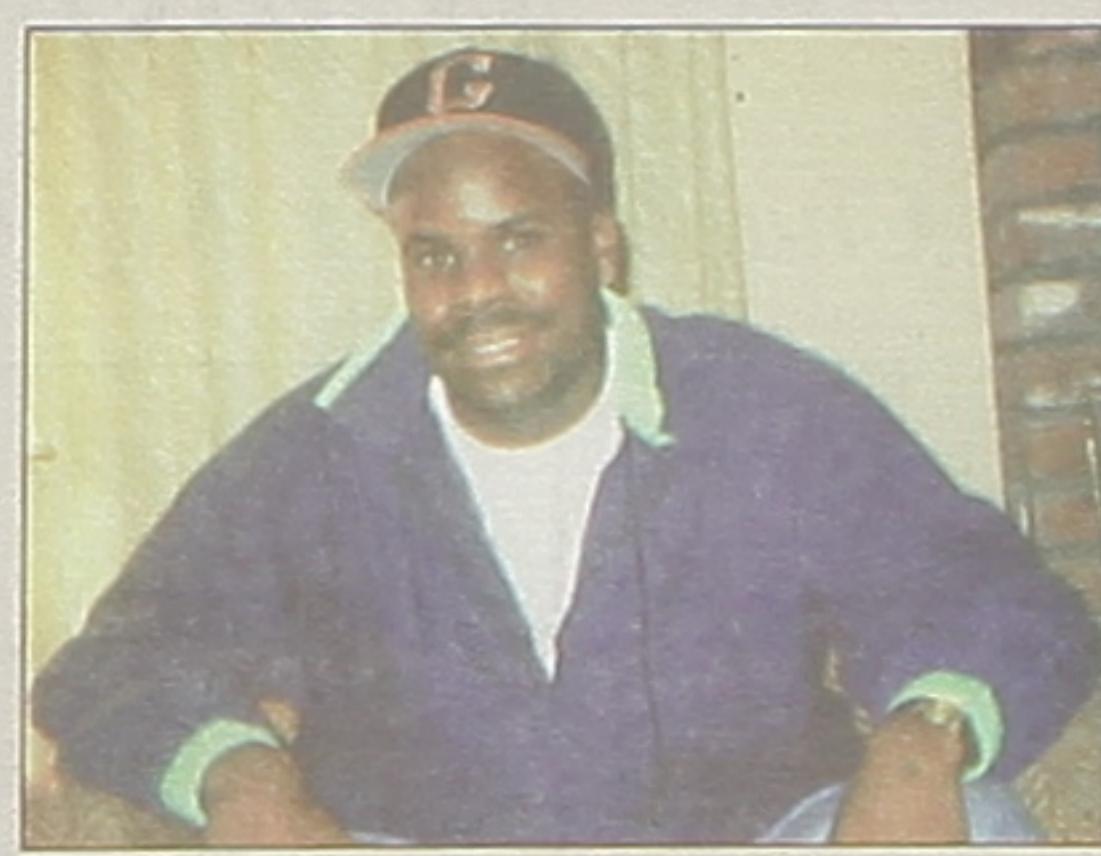
Black also faces assault charges in the associate circuit court. Dr. Conrad Gubera, professor of sociology, said the prosecuting attorney was asking for the death penalty.

Black will be defended by attorneys from the Missouri Public Defenders Office.

"Since they are not from here they are going to be objective about it," Gubera said. "Meanwhile, we have a prosecuting attorney who is pretty dedicated to making the case."

Doug Krandall, Carthage, will try the case for the prosecutor's office.

The extradition from Oklahoma, the court's heavy docket, and the public defenders office schedule have slowed the trial date.



Jason Johnson

Gubera said this is not a failure of the justice system.

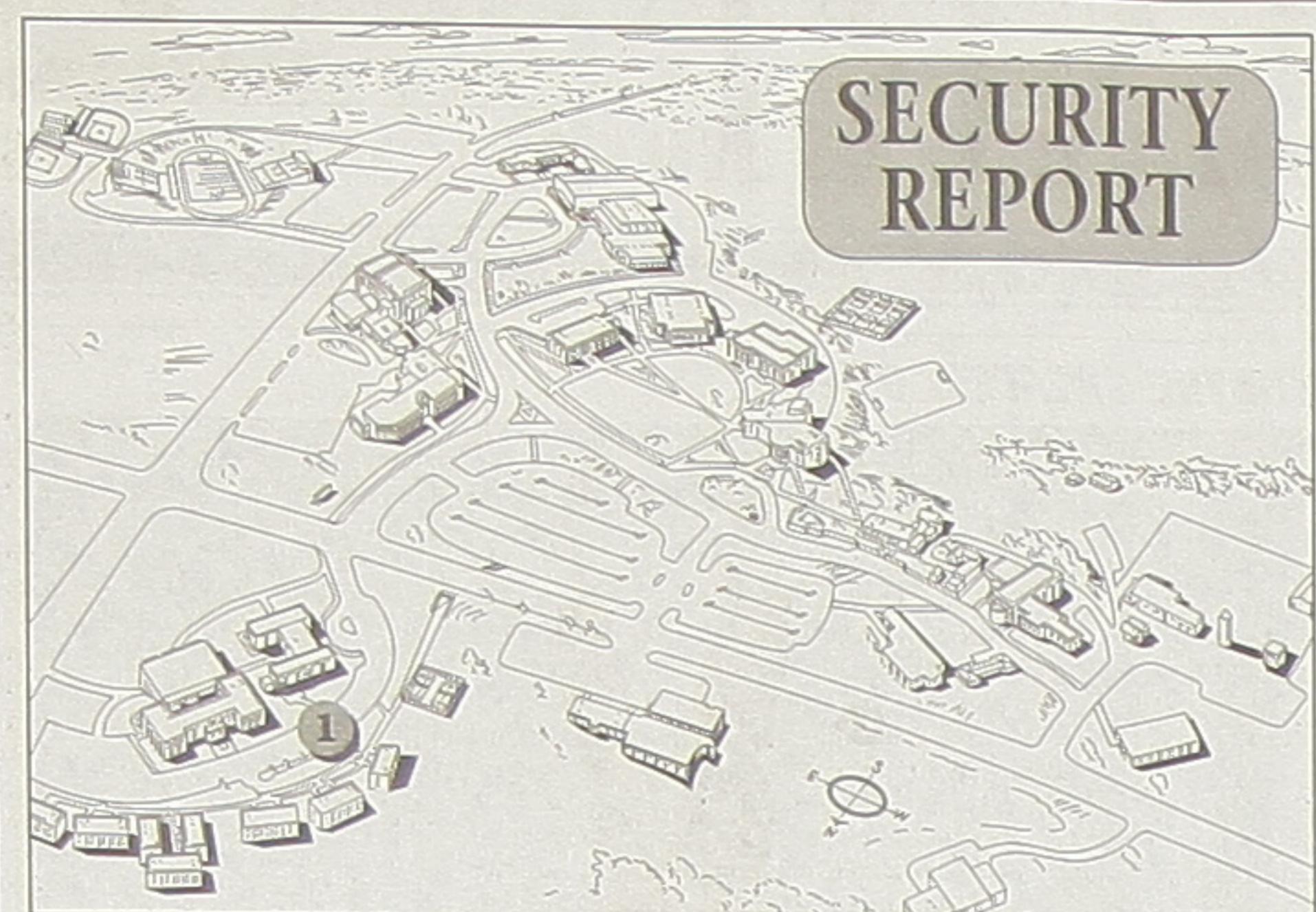
"It is one of the hallmarks of civilization that we go to such ends and have such patience, spend so much money, and go to such ends to make this process work," he said.

On this one-year mark, Gubera reflects on Johnson's life and death and remembers his mother's positive outlook in the weeks and months that followed. Gubera said Oscar and Charlie

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SOUTHERN NEWS

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Jason Northern, criminal justice major, reported damage to the passenger side window of his 1989 Chevrolet S-10 Blazer. Northern said he heard his car alarm go off. Several witnesses described the vehicle the suspect was driving as late 70s brown station wagon. According to reports, witnesses said as soon as the alarm sounded, the suspect fled in his vehicle with the lights off.

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Ecolonomics classes offered

JEFF WELLS
Executive Editor

Ecolonomics, or at least the study thereof, is becoming a reality at Missouri Southern.

Dr. Erik J. Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs, explained the subject.

"It is an interdisciplinary program," he said. "We had a group of faculty that came together from the school of business, and then people from social sciences, and people from biology. It is the concept of sustainability. That is, if you are going to survive as a world, we have to run businesses in a certain manner."

Dr. John Messick, head of the biology department, said the College will soon be mailing brochures to Southern students who may be interested in the program.

Bitterbaum said alumnus Dennis Weaver coined the term colonomics. Weaver and his wife Gerry started the Institute of Colonomics (IOE), headquartered in Colorado.

Bitterbaum and Messick attended the IOE's first conference two years ago in Chattanooga, Tenn.

"We fell like the courses we chose... were the essential ingredients to the capstone course."

DR. JOHN MESSICK
Head of Biology Department

After they returned, a committee was formed to examine how the College could use its resources to provide colonomics programs.

"We put together a certificate that will help train individuals who will have the expertise... to help give advice, and help manage in an ecology-friendly way and still survive and be successful as a business," Bitterbaum said.

Weaver helped Southern sponsor a western round-up last spring to help raise funds to support the program.

"We will, in the future, have some scholarship funds and we would like people to apply and go after the certificate," Bitterbaum said.

The certificate requires 13 hours of classes in economics, environmental biology, and political science.

"We feel like the courses we chose... were the essential ingredients to the capstone course," Messick said.

The capstone course, "Future Environments: An Introduction to Sustainability," was scheduled to be offered in the spring; however, Messick said the course has been postponed for at least one semester because of staffing issues.

Messick believes that will only increase the amount of students interested in the class.

"I have talked with a number of students who are interested in the program and are taking the required prerequisites for the program," he said. "In a way, I think that will turn into an advantage and we will get more students with the prerequisites completed." □

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Students to experience college life in India

Schmidt organizes 7-week summer 2000 excursion

BY KELLY DENGEL
Managing Editor

Exploring India's rich and ancient culture, discovering the birthplace of Hinduism and Buddhism, and taking accredited classes might be in store for some Missouri Southern students this summer.

Dr. Karl J. Schmidt, associate professor of history and director of the India study abroad program, spearheaded the study and invites all students to participate in the study abroad program June 15 through Aug. 9.

During an informational meeting Tuesday, 12 students gathered to learn about the trip. Representatives from the registrar's office, the Institute of International Studies, and the financial aid office spoke to students.

Schmidt opened the session with slides from his traveling experiences in Hyderabad and Delhi. Schmidt traveled to Hyderabad during the summer to organize the program

with professors at the University of Hyderabad. The 2,000-acre campus sits on the outskirts of the 400-year-old southern city of Hyderabad, the capital of the Indian state of Andhra Pradesh. Hyderabad has more than four million people, and is home to a major Microsoft facility — only one of two outside the United States.

"It has growth problems, but it is a modern, tropical city," Schmidt said.

During the seven-week program, students will take classes learning about Indian people and their culture, and will also have an opportunity for independent study in various areas. Students will experience the country first-hand through fieldwork and visiting historic and cultural places.

"The faculty [of the University of Hyderabad] is interested in taking students outside of the class for learning," Schmidt said. "They're very eager to have students come and do projects."

Schmidt said students will live in the university guest housing with air-cooled, double-occupancy rooms with an attached bathroom.

Meals are mostly vegetarian, Indian-style foods prepared by special cooks. All students

will have access to e-mail and other on-campus computer facilities including the library, post office, bank, and health center.

At the end of the study, students will travel north for a week of touring New Delhi, the capital, with the Taj Mahal on the list of touring stops.

The total estimated fee for this 7-week summer course is \$3,900 for the six-credit program, and \$4,300 for the nine-credit program. The fee includes international

round-trip airfare from Kansas City, in-country travel in India, tuition, fees, room and board, and course-related site visits in India. Food, travel, and lodging expenses during the tour of New Delhi are also included.

Dr. Chad Stebbins, director for the Institute, addressed financial concerns with grant information for students.

"Although this is one of the most expensive trips, I personally believe this trip would be an experience you'd remember for the rest of your life," he said.

Grant monies are available through the Institute for full-time Southern students to help pay for this program. Students must have at least a 2.5 grade-point average and complete the grant application form by Oct. 25. Persons interested may contact the Institute at 659-4442.

James Gilbert, director of financial aid, praised Schmidt's efforts in putting the program together.

Gilbert said because of the program's setup, students may be eligible for summer school funding through the government, such as work study and grants.

Students must have at least sophomore standing in terms of credit by the time the program starts in June 2000.

Applications are due Oct. 15, along with a \$50 non-refundable processing fee. An information meeting will be held at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday in Webster Hall. Persons may contact Schmidt at 625-9588 for the room number and/or additional information about the study.

"This is an ideal program; it offers something for everyone who wants to immerse themselves and get credit in India," Schmidt said. □

SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

Holocaust survivor speaks today in Webster Auditorium

A Holocaust survivor tells his story today at 10 a.m. in Webster Auditorium.

William Bernheim will speak in connection with an exhibit of his paintings at the George A. Spiva Center for the Arts, 222 W. Third St. Through his paintings, Bernheim shares his painful experiences of the Holocaust.

Born in Lodz, Poland, Bernheim was among the Jews forced to work in Nazi ammunition factories during World War II. He was then sent to Buchenwald concentration camp, where he was liberated by the American Third Army in April 1945.

After the war, Bernheim moved to New York City and became a successful jewelry designer. Only recently did he channel his lifelong interest in painting into depicting the sufferings he endured and witnessed during the Holocaust. He felt a duty to "the tortured men, women, and children who didn't survive with me and who demand to be given life."

His paintings, which appear courtesy of Joplin's United Hebrew Congregation, form part of a Spiva exhibit titled "In Quest of Understanding — Personal Explorations of Faith." The display runs Saturday through Nov. 7.

After the Joplin exhibit, Bernheim's work travels to the Whitney Museum in New York. Several of his works will also become part of the permanent collection of the United States Holocaust Museum.

The art and social science departments sponsored Bernheim's lecture. □

Hale's essay published in Singapore publication

Dr. Carolyn Hale, associate professor of communications, had an essay titled, "The Year 2050: My Personal Vision," accepted by the University Women's Association in Singapore for publication in the book Project Year 2050: Women's Future, World's Future. The book should be available on the Internet and in hardback this month. Sale proceeds benefit the United Nations Development Fund for Women. □

Teacher attitude study used by Greek university

A study titled, "The Scale of Teacher's Attitudes Toward Inclusive Classrooms (STATIC), by Dr. Keith Cochran, assistant professor of psychology, is being translated for use in a study conducted by Dr. Susana Padeliadu and Dr. George Botas of Aristotle's University in Thessaloniki, Greece. □

Applications for Geneva semester abroad due today

Students wanting to spend next semester in Geneva, Switzerland, at Webster University need to have their application in today. Missouri Southern's study abroad program is looking for non-business majors to apply to the program. Up to 20 Southern students can spend the semester in Geneva, but Dr. Chad Stebbins, director of the Institute of International Studies, said only 10 will receive study grants for the program.

Students can take courses in computer studies, international studies, sociology, psychology, and communications, in addition to business and management. There's also a course in art history and creative writing.

Dr. Alex Vernon will be the Southern professor in residence in Geneva and will be teaching four courses. Students can attend from Jan. 10 to March 3, from March 13 to May 5, or for the entire semester.

Interested students who have at least a 2.5 grade-point average should contact Dr. John Lewis at 625-9602 by the end of the day today. For information about funding, please contact Stebbins at 625-9736. □

Raymond named director of Lion Pride Marching Band

Rusty Raymond of the music department is the new director of the Lion Pride Marching Band. Earlier this year, he was the primary instructor and staff coordinator for drum major camps at the University of Kansas at Lawrence and Central College in Pella, Iowa. □

Chart celebrates 60th birthday

Newspaper to hold alumni banquet

BY ERIN SELLERS
Associate Editor

Some might say 60 is over the hill, but as far as The Chart is concerned, that statement couldn't be further from the truth.

On Oct. 23, The Chart will celebrate its 60th year of publication as Missouri Southern's campus newspaper. The festivities, geared toward the newspaper's alumni, kick off at 1 p.m. with a tour of The Chart office. But the expected highlight of the anniversary is sure to be the banquet at 7 p.m. in the Billingsly Student Center Connor Ballroom.

"We're excited that many of our former editors and staff members will be returning for the reunion," said Dr. Chad Stebbins, adviser to

the current staff. "We have received word that Kenneth McCaleb, founder of The Chart, and his wife, Margaret, are coming from Huntsville, Ala. I'm sure the staff will want him to explain why he gave the paper the name he did."

The current staff will be hosting the event. They will be in charge of the tour and responsible for the memorabilia on display for the former staff members who attend.

Jeff Billington, current editor-in-chief of The Chart and coordinator of the event, thinks it is important for the current staff to interact with the former Chart members.

"With journalism being the field it is, it is important for students to see how the field has progressed," Billington said. "It is important since The Chart is preparing the majority of us for our career that we take time to talk with and see

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Senate approves Berejnoi as senator; allocates \$3,000

BY KELLY DENGEL
Managing Editor

During the Student Senate meeting Wednesday, senators allocated \$3,000 to three campus organizations to attend national conferences.

The finance committee, which consists of five senators, meets prior to the full assembly meeting and discusses concerns about the allocations. The committee positively recommended all financial proposals before the Senate.

The Senate approved \$1,000 for Kappa Delta Pi, the international honors society for teacher education, to assist in funding their trip to the national convocation in Baltimore, Md.

In helping the Collegiate Middle Level Association attend the National Host Chapter of Collegiate Middle Level Association in Orlando, Fla., the Senate approved a \$1,000 allotment. The total cost of the trip is \$3,349.

Both appropriations passed with all senators voting in favor. The only item on the agenda which caused some of the senators to disagree was the \$1,000 funding request from World Issues for Study by Educators (WISE).

Crystal Jeffries, freshman senator, questioned the group's intent-

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Oct. 29 REQUEST:

■ Kappa Delta Pi

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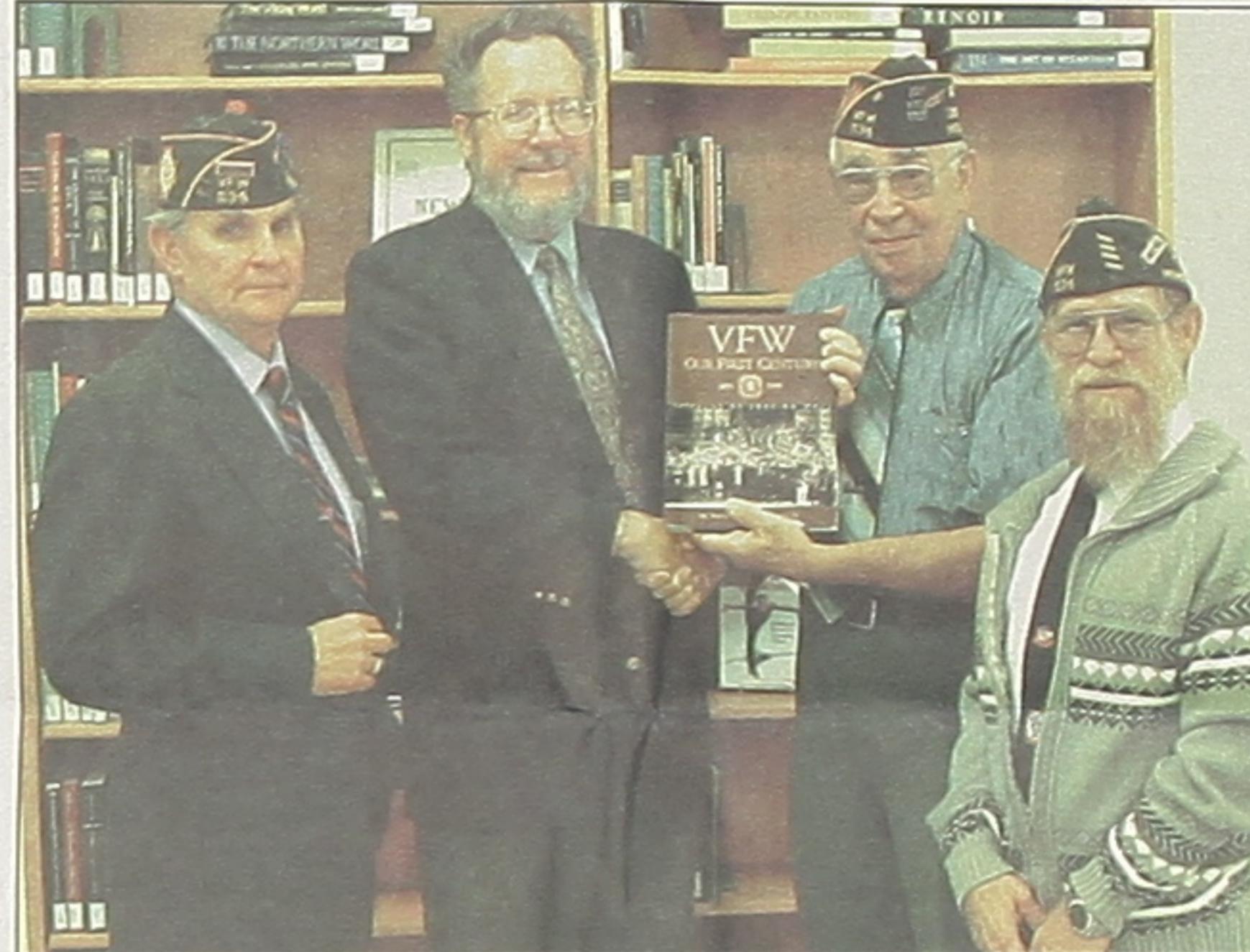
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Missouri Southern's Student Senate allows clubs and organizations made up of students to request up to \$1,000 to pay for group expenses.

tion of how the trip to Washington, D.C., to study inner-city school environments would benefit education students at Missouri Southern. The representative who spoke on WISE's behalf said Southern education students could gain valuable insight as to how to

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SHARING THE HISTORY



Left to right: Larry Meacham, junior vice commander of Joplin's VFW Post 534, H.P. Vanderweide, 7th district senior vice commander, and Don Earls, post commander, donate a book of 100 years of VFW history to Charles Kemp, head librarian (center), at the Spiva Library Wednesday afternoon.

Grants available for foreign study

BY ERIN SELLERS
Associate Editor

"Show me the money" is what Missouri Southern students and faculty need to be saying when it comes to studying abroad.

Various grants are available to students and faculty wishing to expand their collection of passport stamps in the name of Southern's international mission.

The grants available are the student study abroad, the faculty study abroad, and one available for internationalizing the curriculum.

The first two are designed to enhance an individual's education whether it be a student who goes overseas to study at a foreign college or a faculty member who is attending an international seminar.

The internationalizing the curriculum grant is not so much for traveling as it is to bring a global perspective to the classroom via maps and such.

Dr. Karl Schmidt, assistant professor of history, however, did manage to use the internationalizing the curriculum grant to travel to India this summer.

"What I was doing wasn't just about me going over seas," Schmidt said. "It was about internationalizing the curriculum. We now have an established study abroad program in India.

"There aren't that many study abroad programs to India. We now have one of a handful of programs in the country."

As a result of his summer excursion, Schmidt will be taking a group of students to India next summer.

Students must meet certain criteria

to be eligible for a study abroad grant. The student must have a 2.5 grade-point average and be enrolled as a full-time student. In addition to the prerequisites, students must fill out a formal budget proposal and application.

"Students must, in their proposals, indicate how this experience would enrich their lives and other possible benefits for them and Missouri Southern," said Dr. Chad Stebbins, director of the Institute of International Studies.

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DR. CHAD STEBBINS

Director of the Institute of International Studies

When all these preliminaries are met the proposals then go in front of an eight-member committee composed of the four deans and one faculty member from each school.

"The committee wants to see different responses," Stebbins said. "Sometimes it's obvious that one person from a group did all the work and the rest of the members basically Xeroxed it."

This year the student fund for international travel is \$130,000. Although an impressive figure, this money must be divided out

between all the different groups going abroad. The grants range from \$500 to \$2400.

Kim Olson, sophomore international business major, received a grant last summer for her travel to Sweden with Southern's school of business.

"I think grants greatly increase the number of students that can travel abroad," Olson said. "It enables students to continue concentrating on their schoolwork instead of having to devote all their time to working in order to raise money."

The grants do not, however, cover 100 percent of the travel expenses.

"The [grant] proposal also must include a budget and show the amount the student is willing to contribute himself or herself," Stebbins said. "It needs to show that [students] are committed enough to the program that you are going to contribute one or two thousand dollars."

By financing study abroad programs, the Institute hopes to encourage more students and faculty to study overseas.

"The many opportunities for international travel is really what sets Missouri Southern apart from other colleges and universities," Stebbins said.

"The majority of students who have gone abroad call it a life-changing experience. And once you go abroad, you tend to want to go again."

Students interested in the various study abroad programs this year may pick up a grant application from the Institute of International Studies. □

Yesterday's international dreams, today's realities

Last week, when President León announced the creation of The National Center for International Education of Missouri Southern State College, he touched only lightly on the activities this institution has undertaken in the international arena.

Last week was also the first meeting of the new International Task Force. We met on the fifth anniversary of the first Task Force's initial meeting. From that first Task Force emerged ideas and energy, enthusiasm and leadership for what the College was considering doing. There were ideas expressed at that meeting five years ago that at the time seemed like impossible dreams. Today, however, they are realities that many thought could never come about. From this year's Task Force we expect to see those accomplishments put into a new light; we expect to learn the effects these accomplishments have had on lives of students and faculty, and we expect to see new ideas that will prove challenging to put into realities, but ideas which will evolve into new successes for this College.

In April when I was told that in the earliest stages was the creation of The National Center for International Education, even I imagined that the product which would emerge would be a rather simple, uncomplicated Web site with a few common links. When I sat in on some of the earliest meetings with the president and with Vice President Bitterbaum concerning the development of The Center, I began to realize, as did they, that the vision was being enlarged and it would probably go beyond even their earliest notions.

That, in general, is why the international mission at Missouri Southern has been the success it has been. It has not been limited in its possibilities; it has grown through the imagination and creativity of many people, and it continues to grow and to develop.

Next week, I will be going to Croatia to attend a conference of international journalism students on the Island of Hvar. Two students will be traveling with me. We will be publicizing the College, its mission, *International Crossroads*, and an international conference on our own campus next summer, June 5-9. That conference on multicultural journalism will be held in cooperation with the University of Vienna and is open to journalism students from around the world.

Later in October, from the 18th to the 23rd, the College will host 30 top administrators from uni-



IN PERSPECTIVE

DR. CHAD D. STEBBINS
DIRECTOR, INSTITUTE OF
INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

versities in Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Mexico, Nicaragua, Peru, the Dominican Republic, and Venezuela. They will spend the week learning from our administrators about Southern's management style and mission. It's part of an annual practical session conducted by the Institute of University Management and Leadership, a division of the Inter-American Organization for Higher Education.

There are speakers coming to campus this semester that will enlighten you, amuse you, and amaze you. Among them will be Bianca Jagger, who, while known to many as the ex-wife of Mick Jagger of the Rolling Stones, has earned the respect of humanitarians everywhere for her work with displaced children around the world, and for relief efforts in countries — including her native Nicaragua — for victims of natural disasters. She speaks Tuesday night in Webster Auditorium.

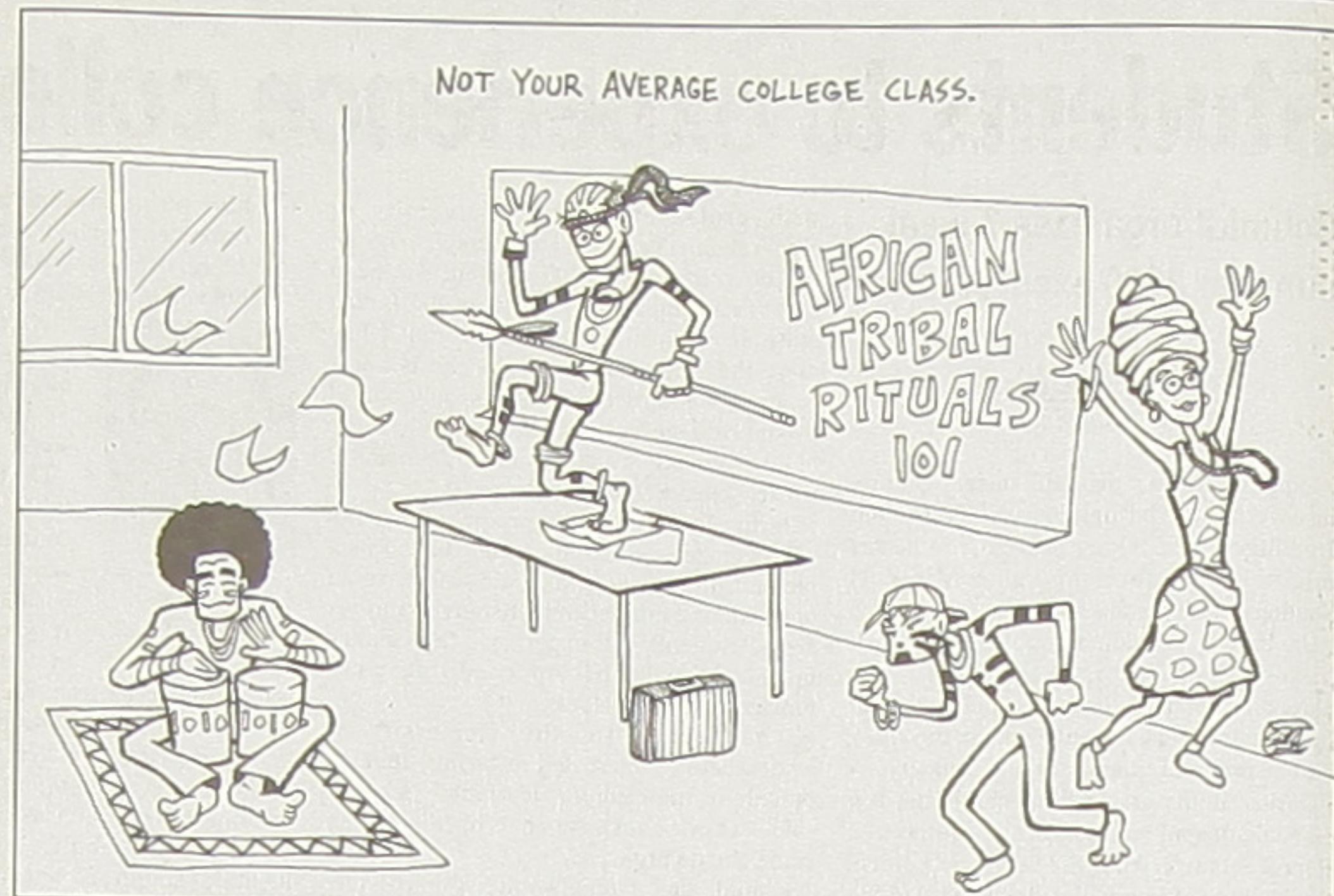
We are going to have TANGOKinesis on campus, who will bring to the stage of Taylor Auditorium on Nov. 3 the fascinating rhythms of the tango, merging with the grace of modern dance. It will be a memorable evening, I'm sure.

I'm also excited that up to 20 Missouri Southern students will have the opportunity to spend the spring semester at Webster University's campus in Geneva, Switzerland. While our school of business is promoting this program for its majors, courses will be available in many other disciplines, including communications, computer information systems, international studies, sociology, and psychology. For more information, persons may contact Dr. John Lewis at Ext. 9602.

I can't begin to mention all that is coming. I urge you to consult the Web sites of the Institute of International Studies and of The National Center for International Education. You will soon determine, I firmly believe, that this College is making itself known worldwide, and while more publicity is probably always needed, the best publicity comes from you. Share your excitement, your experiences, with everyone you meet.

And thanks to all those whose continuing enthusiasm, energy, commitment, leadership, dreams, ideas, and courage to brave the doubters have made this international mission the most exciting project of my own educational experience.

If you haven't yet joined in, please do so. The world awaits. □



Money is there, go get it

International Mission — it's something that is more than just an over-used expression at Missouri Southern.

This year there is even more incentive for faculty members to internationalize their courses. The Institute of International Studies has more money to dole out so faculty members should be jumping at the chance to get more maps, more international resources, and even more traveling abroad.

It doesn't take a genius to realize that not many colleges in the Midwest have the opportunity for the internationalization that Southern has. With partner colleges all over the planet, faculty members could pretty much just spin a globe and point.

Yet with all these advantages afforded to Southern, the applicant number for faculty grants was down last year from the previous years.

We at *The Chart* applaud the efforts the Institute for International Studies is taking to ensure that

the drop in requests doesn't happen again this year. The memo sent to all the faculty members makes a definite statement — THE INSTITUTE WANTS TO GIVE OUT MONEY! Although the \$25,000 is specifically set aside for faculty use, this doesn't mean that Southern students get the shaft in the grant department. It may seem like a hefty sum, but the \$130,000 set aside for student travel abroad grants makes the faculty sum look like pocket change.

There are several departments planning study abroad programs for this year, so if students are interested they wouldn't have a problem finding a program to match their interests.

But don't think that it's a free vacation. Students participating in the study abroad programs will be *studying*. However, studying in Sweden or Australia isn't quite the same as studying in Joplin. These programs provide the opportunity of a lifetime and all the Institute is asking is that they receive applicants with the desire to broaden their minds and enrich their education. □

Unsigned editorials on this page express the opinions of a majority of *The Chart* editors. Observations elsewhere on the page represent independent viewpoints of columnists, cartoonists, and readers.

College kids get bad rap; stereotypes hurt image

So what if we had a party. We weren't doing anything illegal. Maybe the worst thing we were doing was playing the music a little bit loud, but that was no reason to call the police.

I'm talking about Labor Day evening. My roommates and I had decided it was an excellent opportunity to invite some friends over for a barbecue to celebrate the holiday. One of my roommates had even bought a new trampoline to add a little bit more excitement to the party, and as people began to arrive, we thought it was going to be an excellent night.

There weren't that many people who showed up, actually. I'd say maybe 15 to 20 at the most. Of course we were outside — it was a barbecue — but we weren't being all that loud. In fact, we even had a number of neighbor kids come by and visit with us for a while. However, all the neighbors saw was a bunch of col-

lege kids having a party.

Would it have been so hard to walk across the street and ask politely, like most people do, to turn down the music a little bit? Instead of acting like civil human beings and treating us like responsible adults, the neighbors branded us as troublesome college kids and called the police. When the police arrived, they didn't really listen to our explanation. They just wrote a citation and told us to keep it down. When I asked the officer in charge what was considered disturbing the peace, he answered, "You can't even yell loud," in a very sarcastic voice, and

then drove off, as if this was something he expected to have to do again in the future.

Why is it that college students always seem to get the shaft? What is it that we have done to earn the label "college kid?" Isn't it ironic that in a world try-

ing so hard to break down the walls of racism and prejudice, stereotypes of every nature abound?

It really bothers me that my being young automatically puts people on the defense. It seems as if every facet of my life is tainted by this stereotype, which I can never discard.

Even at work, where I am a supervisor, people will turn to associates older than me for information that I may have better knowledge of. It even carries over into school, where instructors are supposed to level with students and impart their wisdom. Too often it seems they are condescending instead of relating well with students, which is a much better teaching tool.

I don't know what it is in the past that has brought this upon us all. "College kids" have proven themselves over and over again. We can take the abuse and be better for it.

The apostle Paul said it best in his first letter to Timothy when he said, "Do not let people look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, and in purity." □



EDITOR'S COLUMN

CHRIS ROBERTS
DIVERSIONS EDITOR

'The Wreck': Proposed hang-out for students

Dear Chart,
My name is Cody Brown. I'm closing in on earning a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English. I'm writing because a few weeks ago I got an idea.

I park on the east side of campus across from Duquesne Road, and I keep driving past what used to be a preschool. I remember when that place used to be open, and I often wonder if it has since closed. It seems like a perfectly useful place, has a good roof, a decent interior, and isn't really being used for all that much except some cursory storage.

A lot of the students complain there is nothing to do here on campus, and I've listened to instructors talk about the lack of a "college spirit." We all simply get in our cars and go home once our class day is done, because there's really nowhere for us as a student body to go privately, and yet find a sense of campus togetherness as well. I mean, some departments have their own "lounge" if you will, but they are after all intended mostly for students IN those departments.

So I got the idea to create a commonplace of recreation, called "THE WRECK." It would:

1. Provide games such as chess, pinball, dominoes and monopoly for example, and hold a series of respective tournaments.
2. Become a showcase for campus art, opening avenues for possible sale and positive display.
3. Give a local band or individual an arena to come and practice in the facility for a small fee, and if a fully developed set can be

presented, they could be selected to give a special weekend performance in which a dance would be held.

4. Offer an "Open Mike" night for individuals to present original poetry or short story readings, comedy or commentary, or act out a favorite scene from an established writer.

5. Sell a variety of beverages including tea, pop, and assorted coffees.

6. Have a jukebox on hand with music selected by the students themselves, even allowing them to bring in their own and have it played if otherwise not available. Weekend dances could be held entirely based on the "bring it" concept. This is one of the more crucial points behind my idea for THE WRECK: it brings the students together through music.

7. Arrange to have certain hours or days of the week to be reserved strictly for study time and quiet socialization.

Let me indicate that no one organization would be exclusive to THE WRECK. All our students and organizations would participate in the operation of the social club, and a group could be formed from them to coordinate the above-mentioned events.

It would be a wonderful way to express the spirit of the campus, and involve us all in a common goal, a common home called THE WRECK. Each of us would have a place to go that is in most respects our own, and perhaps give us a new outlook on campus life.

Cody Brown
Senior English major

Thank you, theatre

On behalf of the ladies of Alpha Sigma Alpha, I would like to say KUDOS to Shelly Perkins, the director of "To Gillian on Her 37th Birthday," and to the whole cast!

The play was wonderful and we all thoroughly enjoyed the show on Thursday evening. We laughed with and cried with you, the emotional release was great!

Thank you all for a show well done!!!!

Shawna French
Senior Psychology major
Alpha Sigma Alpha
Public Relations Chairman

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CITY NEWS

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Officials outlaw pointing devices

Faults with handheld lasers in Joplin leads to under age ownership restriction

BY KRISTY HAMBY
Staff Writer

Joplin officials outlawed the use of laser pointers by anyone 18 and under after city council member Jack Belden brought the idea up for consideration approximately six weeks ago.

"I have experienced people shining them in the window of my home," Belden said.

"Laser pointers have also been misused during basketball games by shining them in the eyes of players attempting free throws."

Chuck Brown, city attorney, had researched the problems with laser pointers, and found that there has been a

problem with them in larger cities like Springfield and Kansas City.

Belden thinks the majority of the misuse of laser pointers are by teens.

Therefore, Joplin passed an emergency ordinance taking pointers out of teen hands.

The city ordinance states teachers and lecturers may still use laser pointers as a highlighter on a chart or screen.

"We banned laser pointers last year because students were using them to disrupt the educational process," said Keith Zeka, Joplin High School principal.

Since the banning last year, the school has confiscated

two laser pointers. Students caught with laser pointers can have the pointers confiscated or may face more severe penalties.

"The ordinance will not make much difference to the school," Zeka said. "We already have a policy banning them."

Lt. Delmar Haase of the Joplin Police Department thinks the use of laser pointers has subsided.

"Laser pointers have not been much of a problem in Joplin," he said.

"Laser pointers have not been a problem in Joplin. The use of them has slowed down lately. Laser pointers seemed to be just a fad."

The city ordinance states that laser pointers have been known to interfere with police officers who were trying to carry out their duties.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has advised that laser pointers can be dangerous

and damaging to a person's eye, mainly the retina.

Lasers can cause temporary flash blindness, which can be dangerous for persons engaging in visual-critical activities like driving.

Other cities, like Shawnee Mission, Kan., have banned laser pointers.

Sometimes the red light in a dark car has been mistaken for a gun with a laser site. The most commonly used laser pointers are the pointers that resemble a pen with a red laser beam.

Anyone having problems with disturbances by laser pointers may contact the Joplin Police Department at 623-3131. □

Lt. DELMAR HAASE
Joplin Police Department

PEEK-A-BOO!



MATT MADURA/The Chart

One-year-old Major Price from Webb City plays peek-a-boo from behind her chair Wednesday afternoon at Mr. Goodcents in Joplin.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Workplace violence seminar to educate managers

With violence in companies and businesses, area law enforcement officials and violence experts will address the issues for business managers in a seminar titled "Workplace Violence: It is Your Business."

Sherry Grant, Ph.D., director of the domestic violence program at Lafayette House, and detectives Keith VanLear and Jeff Trotter from the Joplin Police Department will lead the half-day session to educate business managers about workplace violence.

The seminar will address the overall problem, prevention strategies, and legal options, as well as how to train employees to respond quickly and appropriately to a workplace emergency.

The seminar is offered to the public as part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

"The bottom line is that domestic violence does not 'stay home,'" Grant said. "Violence in the home can follow a family member to work, and put many people at risk. Businesses need to learn about the problem so they can protect themselves and their employees."

The seminar takes place from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 8 at the Newton County Sheriff's Office, 208 W. Coler in Neosho. The registration fee is \$10. For more information, persons may contact Grant at 782-1772. □

Craft fair at Circle R Ranch

The Circle R Ranch, nestled in the Ozarks between Joplin and Neosho, is the site of Barnyard Days. The arts and crafts festival will bring in more than 150 exhibitors to display their hand-made crafts in the Circle R's restored barns and circus tents.

Admission to the festival is \$3 for adults, and children under 16 are free. Three-day passes are available for \$4, which includes a free limited-edition collector's button.

Coupons are available for \$1 off at local merchandisers, including McDonalds. Circle R Ranch is located nine miles south of Joplin on the new four-lane Highway 71.

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Diversions

THE CHART

'Summer in Sweden' lends creative hand to art students

Art students benefit from foreign studies

By CHRIS ROBERTS
Diversions Editor

The "Summer in Sweden" trip the art department took this past summer has produced a number of artistic works that are on display at the Spiva Art Gallery.

The pieces, all from students who were part of a photography class taught by Orjan Henriksson, are a conglomeration of various photographs taken throughout the course of their travels.

Though a number of the students who took the trip have had photography classes before, they felt that Henriksson's class was an approach from a whole different world.

"He is an excellent teacher," said Scott Murray, senior art education major.

Arik Gilbert, senior studio art major, agrees.

"He taught more about how to convey feelings through our pictures."

ARIK GILBERT
Senior Studio Art Major

Murray, who had never taken any type of photography classes before, found the experience fascinating.

"People there actually respect artwork," he said.

"The museums were open 24 hours a day and you could actually touch the stuff."

Gilbert also found the trip a memorable experience.

Both Murray and Gilbert said they, as well as the other students, used an enormous amount of film.

"I took 50 rolls for my personal use and another 25 just for class," said Murray.

"I took pictures from countries all over."

"My favorite is the picture of the door from *Hamlet's* castle. Needless to say, it's been expensive."

Murray plans on using this travel abroad experience and the photos he took in the classes he

plans on teaching upon graduation.

"I think I've got enough shots to make a slide show," he said.

"I plan on using that as a teaching tool when I eventually become an art teacher."

Gilbert, on the other hand, plans to go to graduate school.

"I want my art to be both personal and professional," he said.

The "Summer in Sweden" artwork can be seen from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. until Oct. 22. □



SARAH LANKFORD/The Chart

Sarah Cunningham, freshman undecided major, admires one of the multiple photographs taken by Missouri Southern art students during their summer excursion to Sweden. The goal of the trip was to take a photography class taught by Swedish native Orjan Henriksson.

Poetry slammer brings flare of culture to Joplin area restaurant

By ERIN SELLERS
Associate Editor

Grand Slammer showed off his poetry wares at Crabby's Open Mic Night last Sunday.

New York poet and playwright Brett Axel's current book tour brought him through the four-state area where he made a local stop to do a one-night performance.

Axel is a member of the 1999 Woodstock National Slam Team.

His most recent accomplishment as editor of the poetry anthology, *Will Work for Peace*, drew this poet to Joplin.

"While I was reading different collections of best poetry for the anthology, I noticed that one of the poets was from here," Axel

said. "I wanted to check out the place that nurtured such a poet."

The local poet motivating Axel to stop at the Joplin venue is Crabby's regular Pamela Postei, the 1998 Arkansas Grand Slam winner.

"It's great that he's here," Postei said. "He was 19th out of 100-plus poets at Slam Nationals."

Axel sang Crabby's praises as a venue that helps create local talent.

"Not to sound egotistical, but just being a poet makes you egotistical, but it says a lot for this club that it can draw a New York editor to come perform," he said.

Axel has the accomplishments to back up his "ego."

He's read his poetry with singer Ani DiFranco, and Axel wrote the Habitat for Humanity poem dis-

played on the organization's T-shirts and brochures.

"It's sort of embarrassing," Axel said.

At Habitat for Humanity's national fund-raiser in Georgia, Axel did a poetry reading with former President Jimmy Carter.

"I think people were expecting good Christian fun," Axel said. "They weren't expecting poetry on such politically charged subjects and so sexually explicit."

The night at Crabby's started out with a couple of local poets, including Missouri Southern's Kathy Korcheck, instructor of Spanish.

Axel started his performance close to 9:30 p.m.

He performed several poems from *Will Work for Peace* by poets Marge Piercy and Dean Blehert.

Axel's poetry ranged from comical to political and everything in between.

"One of the reasons that I love being an editor is because I love getting out and promoting other people's poetry," Axel said.

The poem Axel wrote for his Woodstock Slam team was also on the list of poems performed.

"I wrote this for my team, so just try to imagine four people reading it," he said preceding his performance.

Judging by the amount of applause following his readings, it appeared the audience thought his performance of the four-person poem was more than adequate without the other three poets.

"I thought he did a great job even though I didn't agree with the stands he took on some of his

poems," said Renae Roach, sophomore marketing major.

After his performance, Axel stayed at Crabby's to support the performers and to sell his book.

The book, released in August, will not be available in Joplin until April.

Axel's poem, "Smart Bombs," appears in the anthology.

"One of the advantages of editing an anthology is that you get to sneak in one of your own poems," Axel said.

After his Crabby's engagement and a day of rest, relaxation, and reading in Joplin, Axel hopped on a Greyhound bus and headed to his next destination.

He will continue to tour promoting his book until after the year 2000, making only occasional stops back home in New York. □

**will work
FOR PEACE**



Edited by Brett Axel

... AND THE BAND PLAYED ON



SARAH LANKFORD/The Chart

Drum Major Julie Fisher, sophomore secondary education major, leads the Missouri Southern Lion Pride Marching Band through one of its daily practices. The marching band can be seen during halftimes at every home football game.

CAB plans festivities

Board Meeting focuses on picnic, entertainment

By CHRIS ROBERTS
Diversions Editor

Discussion this week at the Campus Activities Board (CAB) meeting once again focused on the ever-closer Homecoming week.

Most of this week's planning concerned location of campus events during that week, mainly for the Friday night events.

The night's lineup consists of a talent show, bonfire, and dance.

The homecoming talent show is to be located in Taylor Auditorium.

Directly following the talent show is the bonfire, located near the practice field.

While some controversy arose as to where the dance should be held, it was finally decided that it would be on campus this year in the Connor Ballroom on the top floor of the Billingsly Student Center.

Other options included Phinney hall and Taylor lobby, but Connor was decided upon because of its pleasantness.

Other planning for Homecoming week circled around entertainment for the picnic.

A number of ideas were thrown around, but nothing definite was decided.

Some of the ideas mentioned were various bands, perhaps My Blue Life, the "alternajazz" group that played last year.

Other suggestions were a numerologist, a comedian, and maybe a magician.

The CAB also voted on who to nominate for Homecoming king and queen.

Other news discussed during the meeting included an open spot on the Student Senate for a senior representative.

Persons interested may contact Patti Richardson, Student Senate president.

The CAB meets at noon each Monday in the BSC, Room 310.

All students are encouraged to attend both the meeting and the free lunch. □



Associate Editor Eric Gruber saw last Friday's box office flick "Mumford." Read his scathing review below.

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School House Rock

Accessibility of big name bands proves a hassle

BY CHRIS ROBERTS
Diversions Editor

Getting a big-name band to perform a concert on the Missouri Southern campus is a highlight for many students throughout the course of the school year.

Most people have a particular band they would like to see, and when that band isn't selected, some students may become angry at those involved with selecting the bands.

However, Desiree Petersen, junior graphic communications major and concert executive for the Campus Activities Board (CAB), said it's not as easy as people think.

"People don't realize what all is involved with scheduling a band," she said. "Not only do you have to think about dates and facilities, but you also have to consider contract stipulations."

Petersen explained most bands have intricate contracts which specify certain

things. If these stipulations are not catered to, the band will not come. One conflict that usually arises concerns alcohol.

Many bands request alcohol backstage, but Southern is a non-alcohol campus. Many bands refuse to come for that reason.

"In addition to all of that, you have to consider advertising and general cost," Petersen said.

A limited amount of funds are available for having a band on campus. Included within that amount are advertising and various other costs of production like security, sound, and other materials. Numerous possibilities exist for advertising, each costing a specific amount. Many bands allow no advertising on certain radio or television stations. The bands may also require a certain amount of spots on the stations they agree to, and usually that costs more money than is available.

"It's all ego," said Val Carlisle, coordinator of student activities. "Last year, when we brought in *They Might Be Giants*, they saw our sound system and told us they wouldn't play unless we bought a new system. They didn't like the brand name we had, and so we ended up paying an additional \$3,000."

Carlisle said when booking a band, the College doesn't really intend on making a profit. If anything, they try to make back the cost of the show and whatever it cost for staffing.

Most of the money available for these types of events comes from the student activity fee included with each student's tuition bill.

"We have various committees with opportunities for each popping up all the time," she said. "How much money we have to spend on a band depends on how much the other committees have spent."

It's first come, first serve, and we just spend the money situationally."

Petersen said this makes things even harder.

"Most bands book months in advance," she said. "I have to go through all of the hassle with every single band until everything clicks into place. Money is just one of many stumbling blocks."

Some bands students want to perform on campus not only cost a lot of money, but also have so many stipulations, it is impossible to book them. For example, a Billy Joel concert runs \$350,000, while comedians Bill Cosby and Whoopi Goldberg command between \$100,000 and \$150,000.

Petersen said finding a band that satisfies the majority of the student body can be quite a feat.

"We try our best to represent the wishes of all people on campus," she said. "It's just a lot more complicated than people think." □

Monthly music aim of concert executive

BY CANDACE MOORE
Staff Writer

With the Dianne Mayes Student Life Center (SLC) complete, the question remains: besides the new cafeteria, what is so different about the SLC?

Desiree Petersen, the Campus Activities Board concert executive, provides an answer.

Petersen came up with the suggestion to bring local bands, preferably from Missouri Southern, to the SLC once a month.

"I always associated college with a live music scene, and it was a big slap in the face when I got here because there was nothing

offered," she said. As concert executive, she has an opportunity to do something about it. "I know at least five students who are in bands, and I know there are more out there," she said. "I want to give them a chance to be heard and give their peers access to their music."

"Sometimes you can sniff out a musician miles away, but you can't be everywhere at once."

DESREE PETERSEN
CAB Concert Coordinator

Petersen wants to include all bands that want to play, but she said she needs help. "Sometimes you can sniff out a musician a million miles away, but you can't be everywhere at once," she said. "Don't hesitate to let me know."

Petersen hopes the bands will bring more groups on campus together. "From Young Democrats to Koinonia, there's something for everyone," she said. "It's a way to kick back, relax, and have a little fun." □



SPECIAL TO The Chart

Mum's the word on Mumford

Latest Touchstone release leaves audiences wanting

I should have known better. I really, really should have.

It was the weekend, I work every day, the only thing I wanted to do was go check out a good movie.

Even though I barely watch television, I managed to catch one commercial promoting what I thought was the latest comedy dish from Hollywood's helpings.

Enter Mumford, (Touchstone Pictures) — I thought this movie was supposed to be a comedy, but after an hour into the flick I was surely proven wrong.

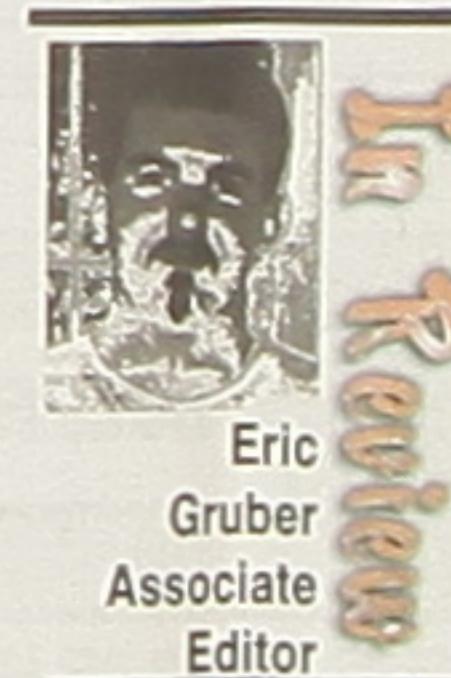
The highlights from the propaganda on television seemed to promise some type of satisfying laughter replete with antics from well known comedians and actors.

With stars like Jason Lee, Clerks, Mallrats, Chasing Amy, Martin Short, Pure Luck, The Three Amigos; and Ted Danson, Cheers; I thought for sure I was in for a great night full of laughs.

I couldn't have been more wrong.

Upon my arrival at the theater on a Sunday night, I discovered that apparently the four other people there didn't hear that the movie sucked.

Loren Dean plays the part of Dr. Mumford, (not his real name) as a pseudo-psychologist



Eric
Gruber
Associate
Editor

with a dark and troubled past in a small town.

He lends his services by counseling the townspeople, and they are in turn touched by his honesty and ability to listen.

This leads to an eventual healing of many of the people in the town, like I didn't see that one coming.

The movie connects Dr.

Mumford with Sophie Crisp (Hope Davis), making the transition from alleged comedy to sappy romance an unfortunate reality.

In the end, I was left with the same old predictable movie with a romantic twist that we all knew was going to happen.

In fact, I can honestly say that I knew from the very beginning of the movie what was going to happen.

I only stayed in hopes of being proven wrong. I should have left.

I personally believe that maybe Hollywood should take some lessons from the independent film makers.

If the film makers in Hollywood are going to make a movie, and if they're going to promote it as a comedy, I think they should make good on their promise.

They should send three college kids out in the woods with some cameras, give them about three cases of beer, and film the whole entire thing.

Perhaps that movie would be a lot more satisfying and actually be funny.

And maybe the next set of movie goers won't feel as ripped off as I did. □

Area Events

If your organization has an event you would like publicized, call Chris Roberts at 625-9311.



■ Southern further commemorates its Latin American Semester with Bianca Jagger, a native of Nicaragua, who will be speaking at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, in Webster Hall Auditorium. The title of her lecture will be "The Future of the Third World in the 21st Century."

Today
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Mystery Alaska, Drive Me Crazy, Three Kings, American Beauty, and Elmo in Grouchland open in box offices



10 a.m.

Lecture by holocaust survivor William Bernheim. Webster Hall auditorium. Kaleidoscope: New Quilts from an Old Favorite is showing at the Power Museum located at 1617 W. Oak St. in Carthage.

7 p.m.

Volleyball vs. Truman State University

8 p.m.

Cabaret continues to play at the Joplin Little Theatre located at 1st and Adams in Joplin, MO. Cost is \$6 for students and \$9 for adults.

Saturday
2

3 p.m.

Men's soccer vs. University of Missouri Rolla

5 p.m.

Women's soccer vs. University of Missouri Rolla

Monday
4

12 p.m.

CAB meeting, BSC room 310. Lunch is free and all are encouraged to attend



Tuesday
5

6 - 7:30 p.m.

Career Day Networking Session. Billingsly Student Center

7:30 p.m.

Bianca Jagger speaks on the future of the third world in the 21st Century. Webster Hall auditorium.

Wednesday
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9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Career Day, BSC 3rd floor

5 p.m.

Men's and Women's soccer vs. Southwest Baptist University

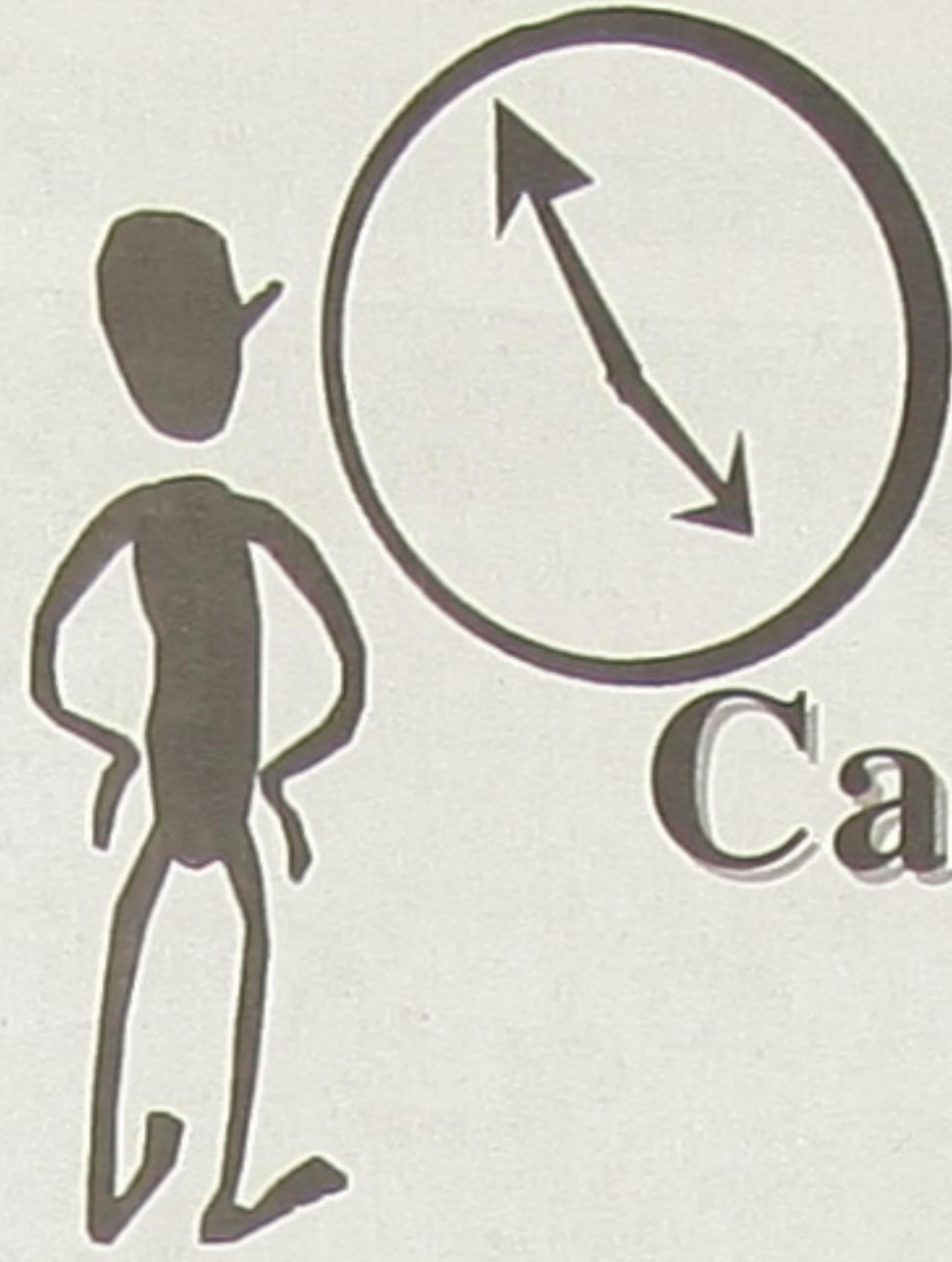


Thursday

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7 p.m.

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Turkey Shoot

'Timeless pastime' helps others in the community

BY RHONDA CLARK
Associate Editor

Shots resonate through the air as an area tradition resumes on a warm and windy fall day.

Everett Underwood licks his index finger and holds it up to test the wind direction.

"Oh come on, Everett," his fellow shooters chide.

The shotgun blast sounds almost simultaneously as dust flies off the backdrop when the buckshot hits its mark. A runner leaps from behind a stack of straw bales to expose a fresh target on the board.

Larry Hanna calls for the next shooter.

"George," he says with notepad and pencil in hand.

A new shooter steps forward, taking a gun from the rack, and positions himself at the table. Turkey shoots remain a timeless pastime, and for these members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 5293, the event provides something more.

"Basically, we're about helping others," said Jerry Glover, post commander. "[Turkey shoots] have been around for years, and it's a way to raise funds for Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets."

The fire department supplies names of needy families for the group's holiday project. The post's membership numbers around 80 veterans. Jay Sturgis, one of the event's organizers, explained the game.

"You get 10 shooters, each puts in \$2,

targets are out 90 feet, and each guy shoots at his own target," he said. "The closest with the buckshot to the X in the center wins."

The winner receives their choice of turkey, ham, or bacon.

Stories vary on how the name turkey shoot came about. Sturgis said one rumor circulates that people used to tie down a turkey, and shooters would try to shoot off the bird's head. Whoever accomplished this feat was the winner. Sturgis, however, doubts the reliability of his source and the story.

Glover added that people can "just pick one out of the air and it'd probably be just as good as the next," when trying to explain how the turkey shoots got their start.

Every weekend through Thanksgiving, this group will congregate on a well-groomed piece of land on Ted Lawson's farm south of Redings Mill on NN Highway.

A pile of scrap wood sits next to a blackened "burn" barrel for the chilly days when the leaves begin to turn.

Participants supply their own guns, or the post provides a selection of shotguns. Non-members are welcome and encouraged to compete.

"It's all in fun, you know," Sturgis said.

The shooting ceases and the target board comes down from the hill.

Clad in a blue-plaid shirt, jeans, and a cap, Fred Howard, Sturgis' co-organizer, checks the numbered targets while the



Jay Sturgis, one of the turkey shoots organizers and member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 5293, takes aim.

RHONDA CLARK/The Chart

competitors gather around to discuss the results.

Under a green- and white-striped tarp, members of the post's auxiliary visit and sell homemade sandwiches and peanut brittle, chips, pop, and their own brand of "hobo" coffee. On this day, Ruby Wells' husband has assumed the duty behind the straw bales.

"I hope he's careful and can move fast," she quips.

May Howard, auxiliary president, and Wells agree the turkey shoot benefits a good cause, but there is another benefit.

"I think it's great," Wells said. "We sit and watch the men enjoying their camaraderie."

Hanna broadcasts a request for new shooters. The socializing dies down as the veterans ante up their \$2 for the next round.

"I just like being out with the guys and shooting the breeze and listening to them argue about nothing," Sturgis said. □



Competitors check the results of their round after shooting at the wooden target.



Sam Rustin prepares for his turn at the Turkey Shoot.

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The target is not quite a turkey, but rather pieces of wood and a backdrop.



Between rounds, turkey shoot participants take a break and share stories of previous shootings.

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Double Trouble



Josh Chapman

#16

6'3" 190 lbs.

Redshirt Freshman
Webb City High School

1999 Stats

| Games | Plays | Rush | Pass | Total |
|-------|-------|------|------|-------|
| 4 | 73 | 205 | 220 | 425 |



Seth McKinzie

#10

6'2" 191 lbs.

Sophomore
Gravette High School

1999 Stats

| Games | Plays | Rush | Pass | Total |
|-------|-------|------|------|-------|
| 4 | 61 | 114 | 128 | 242 |

Josh Chapman red-shirted last year. This season he has stepped into the action, splitting signal calling duties with McKinzie.

Seth McKinzie is playing quarterback in his second year for the Lions. He started four games last year.

McKinzie, Chapman split time under center

BY VINCE SWEENEY
Sports Editor

Two men in one have led the Missouri Southern football team to a winning season, but with half the season still left to play, sophomore Seth McKinzie and freshman Josh Chapman both know there is much work still to be done at the quarterback position.

Greg Gregory, head football coach, has had the intention all year of not using the same quarterback. This has been his plan since spring drills last year. He believes this is the best kind of offense for the Lions at the time.

"Basically, they are relatively equal players as far as ability goes," he said.

McKinzie was starting quarterback in four games last season. He knew Gregory's strategy was going to be playing both quarterbacks before the season began.

"Coach [Gregory] told us at the end of spring he was going to do it this way, McKinzie said. "I expected it."

Gregory likes this kind of game plan and thinks it has worked well so far.

"I don't think Seth regressed any," Gregory said. "I think Josh just progressed. I want to get them both in the game, and both of equal playing ability. There is no set pattern. I just decide that series if I want to make the change."

Chapman believes he has had a successful first year and hopes to progress even more.

"I was red-shirted last year, so I had time to see," he said. "It's a lot different game. It's a lot faster and a lot more physical. After spring ball, Coach [Gregory] told us to plan on doing this."

While fans might think going out for a few plays or even a drive might give the other quarterback a chance to rest, it can be quite the opposite. The quarterback on the sidelines is constantly having to scope out the other team's defense, and let the quarterback in the game know what he can see from off the field.

Gregory says it is not always a matter of

which one is performing better. There will be times when one might have a bad series and he will bring that quarterback back on the field. He does this to let them know he hasn't lost confidence in them.

Both McKinzie and Chapman have accepted that there is not going to be one dominant starter as long as they both continue to play well.

"Josh's statistics are better than Seth's right now," Gregory said. "But that's because of plays. They are very similar in what they can do, and it's easier to play both of them."

McKinzie says the biggest advantage is that if one of the two gets hurt, he can go out and regroup for a while.

Both quarterbacks believe the conference is wide open at this time and it is still anyone's ball game. They both have confidence the Lions can win every game remaining.

McKinzie and Chapman are both pleased with the way the team was able to bounce back after a disappointing loss to Washburn. Chapman says it is now in the

past and the Lions have to focus on winning every game.

"Every ball game is tough, but we are capable," said Gregory. "This team expects to win."

Gregory believes the Lions are capable of this if his two quarterbacks continue to shine. He does admit neither one of the players are vocal on the field or during a game, and hopes they work more on this. Gregory says this comes with getting older and maturing. He sees nothing but room for improvement.

"Our styles are so similar," McKinzie said. "Sometimes people don't even know we've changed (quarterback positions). We can win every game if we play with emotion and the attitude that we expect to win."

"We're pretty similar players," Chapman said. "We both run the option well. We're both pretty good throwers who lead the team and have good roles. We have got to go out and play every week and treat every week like it's the last week. Two heads are better than one."

Acute injuries, illnesses plague Lady Lion runners

BY VINCE SWEENEY
Sports Editor

As the women's cross country team enjoyed an open weekend in their schedule, they trained hard this week to prepare for the rest of the season.

Patty Vavra, women's cross country coach, said her team has begun to increase the intensity level in practice by running more intervals. In the process, they have cut down their mileage in order to keep healthy.

"We are currently battling some acute injuries," Vavra said.

She was disappointed to announce one of her key runners will be out of action for a while. Freshman Ashleigh Wendleton contracted an illness. Vavra thinks Wendleton could have even been the top runner by the end of the season. During practice at the beginning of last week, Vavra noticed Wendleton was not running like everyone else.

"The [illness] with Wendleton is going to be an uphill battle," Vavra said.

Freshman Abby Frigeri has been unable to run because of injuries. Vavra is hopeful Frigeri will return to action soon.

Vavra said these two freshmen were important to the team. However, Vavra won't let this get her runners down with conference approximately four weeks away. She believes every remaining meet is

key in preparation for conference play.

The Lady Lions begin their preparation tomorrow when they compete at the University of Missouri-Rolla.

"We have mainly been working a lot on our pack time," said sophomore Margaret Miklovic. "It (UMR) was a smaller meet last year. The main thing we have been working on is getting better. Practice this week has been going well."

Vavra thinks this should be a fairly small meet again this year. She is happy about this because it will give the Lady Lions more of a chance to work on cutting down their pack time.

Vavra noted Truman State, which was picked to win the conference, will be competing at this meet, and this will provide a good opportunity for the Lady Lions to compete against the conference fore-runner.

At this point, Vavra said she believes it's important the Lady Lions show good leadership.

"The biggest thing is that we just have to improve each week and know our roles," she said.

"We have improved a lot running as a pack," Miklovic said.

"It's been going great in practice. Now we just need to do that in the race. People have to step up and take on new roles. The main thing is to just work on our pack. Hopefully we can maintain that this weekend."

Runners ranked fifth

BY VINCE SWEENEY
Sports Editor

This week, the men's cross country team learned they are currently ranked fifth in the nation.

Tom Rutledge, men's cross country coach, says the team trained hard this week in preparation for the rest of the season. He believes this is a strong team, but they might be a bit over-ranked at this time.

"It's been a pretty good week [of practice]," he said.

"Personally, I think we are around 15th or 16th. Naturally, we'll enjoy it, but I don't feel we're strong enough at this point."

"We are a top-20 team as long as we stay healthy, but we'll enjoy top five for now."

Freshman Simo Wannas says [being ranked No. 5] is quite an honor for the team.

"It was a very big surprise," he said. "That is very great, but we can do better if we don't think about it. We need to concentrate on training."

The Lions do not have much time to enjoy their accomplishment as they travel to the University of Missouri-Rolla today for a race at 10 a.m. tomorrow.

"We are ready," Wannas said.

There are a few guys in very good shape. I think we will do very good as a team. The Flying Fins are going to Rolla."

Rutledge said freshman Petri Kykyi suffered a minor back injury from doing hurdle drills in practice. He said this should not be too serious of an injury, and he was hopeful that Kykyi would be completely recovered this week.

"We will have to wait and see if he can race [tomorrow]," Rutledge said.

"It's up to the trainers."

Rutledge said the team is performing well for the most part. His biggest concern is keeping the team healthy and free of as much stress as possible.

Rutledge believes the majority of the stress comes from not getting enough rest.

"We have got to find ways to get these kids more rest," he said. "Rest is just as important as training."

Rutledge says the key for his team is to stay healthy and on top of things since conference will be approaching shortly.

"We still have a very young team," Rutledge said.

"We have to look at the youth we have and just hope and pray we keep it up."

MIAA NEWS BRIEFS

Northwest defense allows total of three first downs

Maryville saw its Bearcats of Northwest Missouri State get a win on Saturday to improve its football record to 3-1 on the season. The Bearcats remain undefeated in the conference at a 2-0 mark. Rushing proved the difference in the game as Northwest pounded in 550 yards of offense, leading to 29 first downs. On the other side, Southwest Baptist came up with only three first downs and 53 yards of offense. This allowed the Bearcats to dominate possession of the ball for more than 40 minutes, giving them a 45-0 lead at the half.

Ryan Hackett rushed for 217 yards. He also had two touchdowns on the day as his team never looked back in their 52-0 victory. Northwest resumes action tomorrow at home when they play host to the Bulldogs of Truman State.

Waterman's strong arm hands Ichabods first loss

No undefeated teams remain in the football conference after Washburn traveled to St. Joseph Saturday. The Missouri Western Griffons handed Washburn its first loss. The first quarter saw a tight game as Kasey Waterman completed a 26-yard pass to Jerris Evans for a touchdown, as the Griffons drew first blood, taking a 7-0 lead.

Later, Chad Todd's 29-yard field goal put the Ichabods on the board and cut the Griffon lead in half, 7-3. Washburn took a brief 10-7 lead as Corey Crain ran for a five-yard touchdown. As the first quarter began to wind down, Waterman threw for a 54-yard touchdown to Mike Connaker, to put his team back in front, 14-10. Waterman came out early in the second quarter and ran for a 52-yard touchdown to put his team up 21-10 going into the half.

The third quarter saw Connaker run for a six-yard touchdown to give the Griffons a 28-10 lead. Waterman later threw another touchdown pass to Evans, which gave his team a 35-10 lead. Ahmad Jackson tacked on a seven-yard touchdown run early in the fourth quarter, as Missouri Western never looked back in its 42-10 victory. The Griffons play tomorrow at Pittsburg State. They remain undefeated in conference play.

Klee hits 51-yard field goal to keep Miners without win

The Truman State Bulldogs record their first football win on Saturday as they shut out the Miners of Missouri-Rolla.

It was a day of long field goals for Truman State's Jeff Klee. In the second quarter, he banged a kick from 51 yards out to give his team the 3-0 edge at the half. Late in the third quarter, the Bulldogs gained 70 yards in 14 plays to set up a 44-yarder for Klee, which he hit to put his team up 6-0. Klee came up with a 21-yard field goal in the fourth, extending Truman State's lead to 9-0.

Michael Redding sealed the win for the Bulldogs with his one-yard touchdown run late in the game, giving Truman State the 15-0 victory. The Bulldogs moved to 1-3 on the season and 1-1 in the conference. The Miners remain winless and in search of their first win tomorrow as they play host to Emporia State. The Bulldogs travel to Northwest Missouri State tomorrow.

Mules' loss keeps them without conference victory

It was an offensive struggle for the Pittsburg State Gorillas on Saturday as they managed to escape Central Missouri State with a win. The only scoring in the first half came late in the first quarter when Lateef Walker ran for a one-yard touchdown to put the Gorillas in front, 7-0.

The second half saw much of the same as the only two touchdowns were put up in the third quarter. Anthony Chapman ran for a one-yard touchdown, putting his team in the lead, 14-0. Late in the third quarter, the Mules set up an offensive drive in which Jason Graham eventually recorded a one-yard running touchdown. No more scoring took place, and PSU held on to win, 14-7. Central dropped to 2-2 overall, and 0-2 in conference play. PSU moved to 3-1, and 1-1 in the conference. Tomorrow, the Gorillas play host to Missouri Western.

Lady Lions show intensity

Volleyball needs more fan support

Tuesday night was a first for me. I did something I had not done since I was in high school. I went to a volleyball game.

This was interesting because it was the first volleyball game I had ever attended at Missouri Southern.

I was impressed, but at the same time, to put this in the nicest words as possible, SHOCKED!



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SPORTS EDITOR

exception. I had actually gone to the gymnasium to run a quick errand.

When I entered the gym, I looked around and thought what a small crowd there was at this volleyball game.

Being editor for the Lady Lions, I know all about them and know they are having an okay year. So I thought again to myself what the deal was. Surely these were not all the fans who had shown up to this game? I looked at my watch. Five till seven!

This couldn't have been right. I'm not great with numbers, but I would have bet there were not 100 people there. It seemed a bit half and half — some parents and some students. I thought this was nuts and decided I had a minute. So I took a seat. Anyway, the game was about to begin.

We started off by wishing a happy birthday to Coach Debbie Traywick, which I thought was pretty cool, even though you could tell she was embarrassed. Then it was time for the opening serve.

I have no clue how good Drury is in volleyball, but I thought the Lady Lions looked good.

That first set was pretty tight, but the Lady Lions didn't let it get away.

As for the second set, the Lady Lions took it with ease. I must say that even though they have struggled in some of their matches this year, they looked impressive for this one. I hated to go, but I couldn't stay for the third set. As much as would have liked to, I had another obligation, which was to go to The Chart office and write this column and tell how I felt.

And how did I feel? My congratulations go out to the Lady Lions on playing a great game. I felt disappointment in our student body, though. It was pathetic. I know more people can show up to these games. I knew attendance wasn't great, but I had no idea it was this bad.

It's hard being the sports editor and making it to every sporting event. I don't expect myself to, and I don't expect the entire student body to show up to a game, but I think we could make an effort to fill up those seats a bit more and cheer on our team.

I have every intention of taking pride in my school's sporting events and I think you should too. If you get a chance, come out to a volleyball game or any sporting event for that matter, and just give it a shot.

You might be surprised at how entertaining it can be. I promise the Lady Lions I am going to make an effort to attend more of their games, and want to wish them luck throughout the rest of their season. □

Traywick gets birthday wish

BY KRISTY HAMBY

Staff Writer

Southern's lady spikers have had some up and downs this season. However, over the last four games played, they managed a 2-2 record. The Lady Lions' overall record is currently 7-9 overall, 3-3 conference, and 4-6 non-conference, and the team is ranked fourth in the MIAA conference.

After the tough loss to Central Missouri State University Wednesday, the Ladies went on to suffer a three-game loss to Emporia State on Friday, 8-15, 6-15, and 7-15.

However, they redeemed themselves by winning Saturday at Washburn in just three games, 16-14, 15-11, and 15-11.

They came home to play the Drury State Panthers on Tuesday night, pulling out a victory in just four games, 15-10, 15-1, 4-15 and 15-10.

Freshman Shannon Rocke said that mental errors have caused most of the losses, but the team seems to be back on

the right court.

"Early in the season we did not play up to our potential, but we are getting better every week," she said. "The team has some very talented players, but we just need to cut down the mental errors."

Junior Brianna Abel agrees. "We came together as a team over the weekend," she said. "We have been playing more aggressive by not worrying about winning the game. By doing this, we play more relaxed."

The star player this week is senior Meredith Hyde, who continues to be ranked third in the MIAA conference in kills per game. Her total kills are 201 in 59 games.

Meredith is a very aggressive player and will always be our star player," sophomore Rachel Miller said.

The Ladies will face Truman State University tonight on Southern's home court at 7 p.m.

"We are looking really good going into [tonight's] game against Truman State," Miller said. □



Lady Lions show their communication in Tuesday night's game, which proved valuable in the end. They managed to defeat Drury College in four sets.

MATT MADURA/The Chart

Weary travelers face Truman State field next

BY JEFF WELLS

Executive Editor

There is no place like home for the Missouri Southern golf team. The squad spent the week resting and practicing after two road trips last week.

The team finished in a tie for ninth in the District V Invitational at Owatonna Golf Club in Owatonna, Minn. The 36-hole tournament was immediately on the heels of the University of Missouri-Rolla Fall Classic, another 36-hole competition.

Southern will return to action Monday and Tuesday for an outing in the Truman State University Classic at the Kirksville Country Club.

Head coach Larry Clay was satisfied with the team's performance in Minnesota, but felt there was room for improvement.

The team shot 319 and 308 for a total of 627 strokes. Senior Chad Smith again led Southern with rounds of 74 and 79. Also making the trip were junior Heath Alloway (78-78-162), senior Brian Smith (75-85-160), sophomore Jacob Hosp (80-82-162), and junior Adam Griffin (76-91-167).

"I was pleased with the way we played on Friday, but Saturday a couple of the guys did not play very well," Clay said. "The weather had a little bit to do with that Saturday. It was windy and the course was set up a little different. That's what led to the higher scores."

Hosp said the week of strenuous play and travel was also not the cause of the Lions' problems.

"We should have been pretty well rested," he said.

The team had eight or nine hours of sleep before the rounds.

"We should have played better than we did," Chad Smith said.

Smith and Hosp agreed that the Saturday pin placement was extremely difficult.

"It was a real good course, a real challenging course," Hosp said.

He said the team began to suffer from mental fatigue.

"It was really frustrating," he said. "I think that had a part to do with all of us."

Clay said the tournament gave the members of the selection committee an opportunity to see the district members face off

head-to-head. In the spring, the committee will choose three schools to compete in the regional tournament.

"This is the first time we have had this tournament," Clay said.

"The purpose of the tournament was to gather all the teams from District V that wanted to go."

"There were three Texas schools there, most of the Northern Conference schools were there, and all the MIAA schools and Drury."

Another district clash is set for the spring at the Iron Horse Country Club in Kansas City.

Clay said the tournaments provided the northern schools additional outings.

"We encourage them to come down and participate in all our tournaments," he said.

"Some of them come down for the Missouri Western tournament in the spring," he said.

The team returned to Joplin at 3:30 a.m. Sunday and returned to practice Monday. Clay said Chad Smith, Brian Smith, and Heath Alloway will make the trip, but there is heated competition in practice for the last two spots.

Hosp is in the midst of the battle.

"I think he was a little tired in Minnesota," Clay said. "He seems to have his second wind this week and he has been playing very well."

Hosp said the team was ready for a day off, but the intensity has returned this week.

"Everyone is getting there confidence back," he said.

Hosp said the team is averaging less than 76 strokes in qualifying for players making the trips.

The Truman Classic is a 54-hole event, and the team will play 27 holes each day.

"There is a little more of an endurance factor involved to be able to play that much," Clay said.

He said the nine-hole rounds will make or break the team.

"The nine hole rounds are real important," he said.

"You can gain or lose a lot in each nine hole round."

Kirksville is no stranger to the Lions. Smith said they know the course well.

"We all can play that course," he said.

"Hopefully, we can win it." □

Lions' win streak comes to close

Soccer team home tomorrow for

BY GARY SHELBY

Staff writer

Oklahoma Christian University did what four previous teams haven't been able to do. They beat the Lions in a close soccer match.

Missouri Southern's men's soccer team dropped a 2-0 decision at OCU (2-5-1) in Edmond, Okla., last Saturday.

The loss brought an end to the Lions' five-game winning streak, as well as a stretch of close victories. For the first time this season, Southern (6-2) was held scoreless.

"It was one of those games where we just showed up and didn't play well at all," said Geoff Van Deusen, men's head coach. "They were a good team."

Senior goalkeeper Ben Butler allowed a first-half shot to find the net, but then returned to his normal self by refusing three shots on goal. In the final second of the game, an OCU goal sealed the team's victory. Van Deusen

believes it was a game his team should have won. He said the team wasn't ready to play, mentally or tactically.

The Lions have played and willed their way through five straight hard-fought wins this season, despite an absence of emotion at times. OCU took advantage and handed the Lions their second defeat.

"I don't think that we were ready to play," Van Deusen said. "We just had a bad day."

Southern had been away from home for three straight games. The trip to Edmond marked the fourth consecutive road match. Van Deusen said playing so many games in a row may have impacted the team psychologically.

Practices have been limited due to their schedule. Four days is the most they've had to prepare for an upcoming game.

The Lions return home to Hal Bodon Field to start a six-game home stand against the University of Missouri-Rolla tomorrow.

"We're playing in front of our home crowd; that's been fantastic," Van Deusen said. "We're just excited to be back home again." □

Tournament foes overpower Lady Lions in second half

BY GARY SHELBY

Staff Writer

Nearly a week after notching their first victory and ending their seven-game losing streak, the Missouri Southern soccer Lady Lions have dropped two more.

Southern participated in the University of Central Oklahoma Tournament, where they lost 4-1 to Southwest Oklahoma State University on Saturday, and host UCO blasted its way to a 10-0 win Sunday.

Earlier this season, Southern (1-9) took Southwest Oklahoma to the wire in a 2-1 defeat. This time, a second-half collapse subdued the Lady Lions in an attempt to vindicate their Sept. 12 loss.

"We came out and played a very good first half," said head coach Geoff Van Deusen. "It was 0-0 at halftime. We came out in the second half and went into a 10 or 15 minute funk where they scored four goals."

Freshman forward Melissa Stayce scored her team-leading third goal of the season with eight minutes to play, but it was too little, too late.

"It's not that they're being beaten

"We came out and played a very good first half."

GEOFF VAN DEUSEN

Head Coach

90 minutes a game, but periodical lapses have plagued the Lady Lions this season. One goal is scored, then another, and another.

And coming from behind has been a task that Southern has yet to accomplish.

"We've got to realize that games are 90 minutes long, and we have to play that way the whole time," Van Deusen said.

A stronger UCO dominated Sunday's game from start to finish, while yielding no shots on goal and handing Southern their loss of the tournament. UCO fired a 28-shot barrage at freshman goalkeeper Jennifer Carter, and 10 shots found their way to the goal.

Van Deusen said his team went up against a UCO team that had previously upset Metro State (Colo.), ranked 24th in the NCAA Division II polls.

"We're just overpowered," Van

Deusen said. "They were strong all over."

By far, it was the most complete team the Lady Lions have faced this season. UCO turned Southern mistakes into goals, and Van Deusen said it was the most pressure his team has faced. However, he has challenged the Lady Lions to play the bigger teams as they play the teams on their level, with intensity.

They concluded their six-game, 12-day road trip at the UCO tournament. According to Van Deusen, the road through the second half of the season doesn't get any smoother. Southern can look forward to playing the next six games, and the brunt of their schedule, at home.

The Lady Lions begin the home stand against the University of Missouri-Rolla at 5 p.m., Saturday. □